# THE GUNFIGHTER

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366TH FIGHTER WING, MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE, IDAHO

# Gunfighters learn how to fight off attackers

PHOTO AND STORY By Staff Sgt. CHAWNTAIN SLOAN

GUNFIGHTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

April may traditionally be known as the perfect time to execute that well-planned prank, but there are some Gunfighters who refuse to be anyone's fool.

Airmen, retirees, Department of Defense employees and their family members are taking advantage of free Risk Reduction Self Defense Classes sponsored by the Awareness Month, the first of five Sexual Assault Response classes kicked off April 6. Coordinator's office during the month of April.

"Our goal is to educate people about the environmental risk factors that make them prone to sexual assault and introduce them to some physical resistance techniques that could reduce the possibility of them being seriously injured in an attack," said Cyndi Drake, Gunfighter

In observance of Sexual Assault

The first portion of the class encouraged students to think of criminals as opportunists who can strike anywhere, even at home.

Making the home a "less inviting environment" goes beyond remembering the basics like making sure window and door locks are functional and actually using them, said Mountain Home Police Department Patrol Sergeant Russell Griggs, a class instructor.

"Look at the house as a perpetrator would – outside and at night - and pay particular attention to the areas that are good hiding spots like places that are not well lit or have overgrown trees and shrubbery," he said.

The sergeant also suggested students take equally precautionary measures when traveling, keeping vehicles locked at all times and having a plan in the event of a break down or accident.

"On an annual average, about

250,000 people are reported missing – some of whom broke down on the side of the highway and were never seen again," said Sergeant

Keeping in line with the class theme of prevention, the second part of the class focused on spotting a potential attacker.

It is not unusual to be approached by someone from a reputable company like the power, elec-

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MOUNTAIN HOME POLICE DEPART-MENT PATROL SERGEANT RUSSELL GRIGGS TEACHES WHERE THE PRESSURE POINTS ARE LOCATED.

# 366th SVS competes for AF Eubank Award

By Jennifer Mounts 366TH SERVICES SQUADRON

Customer satisfaction usually determines the success of services facilities. For the 366th Services Squadron, last year was full of new projects, all of them an effort to increase satisfaction of Mountain Home Air Force Base customers.

With family oriented events to facility improvement programs, the services squadron earned the opportunity to represent Air Combat Command as the 2005 nominee for the Air Force-level Maj. Gen. Eugene Eubank Services Award.

"Being the best in the Air Force, means you are taking care of your customers and retaining the military's number one weapons system, its Airmen and their families by providing needed programs, activities and services," said Maj. Anthony Lanuzo, 366th Services Squadron commander.

Eubank is a competition established in 1990 by the Daedalian Foun- The 366th Services dation to recognize ex- Squadron is competing to cellence in services squad- WIN THE MAJ. GEN. EUGENE rons at small installations. Eubank Services Award,

The small base cat-  $^{\mbox{\scriptsize AN AWARD THEY WON IN}}$ egory award was given 1991.

the name of Maj. Gen. Eugene L. Eubank, in honor of a decorated Air Force veteran who was a strong proponent of quality of life programs for Air Force members and their families.

The Eubank evaluation team consisting of four inspectors is scheduled to arrive at Mountain Home AFB for a three-day evaluation of the facilities. The team evaluates customer service as well as activities provided, employee motivation and the overall quality of the services facilities. During the visit to the facilities, managers will have the opportunity to present their programs, improvements and renovations for 2006.

"During the past nine months, services Airmen (active duty, civilians and contractors) have lived and fulfilled the motto of 'Making it better for Gunfighters and their families' each and every day. They are focused on improving the quality of life at this remote location," said Major Lanuzo.

Each command has a representative competing for the Air Force Award. A member of the Order of Daedalians presents the trophy to the winning base annually at the Air Force Awards Banquet.



# POTENT WEAPONS



(TOP) Tech. Sgt. Ralph Chavez prepares for a days work in the 366th Contracting Squadron.

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(Above) Airman 1st Class Andrea Lay looks through the office files while researching a contract. The men and women of the 366th Contracting Squadron deal with CONTRACTS RANGING FROM LAWN MAINTENANCE AROUND OFFICE BUILDINGS TO MULTIMILLION DOLLAR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS TO IMPROVE THE BASE'S INFRASTRUCTURE.

## 366th CONS makes it happen at home, in AOR

By 2ND LT. ERIN TINDELL

GUNFIGHTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

There's a new weapon helping Airmen fight the Global War on Terrorism. It's smaller and lighter than most conventional weapons, and without it, their mission couldn't get done.

It's a little old ink pen.

With a quick stroke of a pen, contracting managers, like the ones at the 366th Contracting Squadron, contract billions of dollars while they are deployed to aid deployed Airmen and the Iraqi military in making the Middle East a better place, said Maj. Andrew Sackett, 366th Contracting Squadron com-

"One of the most potent weapons being used in the (area of responsibility) right now is a contracting manager's pen," said Major Sackett.

From 7,000 miles away, the pens of the 44-member squadron here are equally important in ensuring the Gunfighter mission never stops. Contracting helps the base award \$40 to \$50 million a year on average for

any product or service needed – the smallest aircraft screw, contracted security guards or multi-million dollar construction projects.

"We're one of the behind-the-scenes squadron on this base," said Master Sgt. John Walker, 366th CONS superintendent. "Just about every project you see that happens on this base, at some point in time, we dealt with a contract for that project."

The 366th CONS is divided into five teams -

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#### **Deployed Gunfighter learns** about 'joint team'

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from the ramp. One thing was certain: this was no Air Force base.

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nuclear-powered aircraft carrier the USS Reagan for an orientation tour, I stood in awe watching the activity around me.

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#### Spring Clean Up Day helps **Gunfighters clean garages**

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### three boxing titles

RENO, Nev. - Three members of the Air Force Academy boxing team were crowned national champions Saturday as the Falcons wrapped up competition at the 2006 National Collegiate Boxing Association Championships.

Air Force entered the final night of competition in fourth place, following a disappointing semifinal round. Although they had just three finalists competing in the main ring, the Falcons went three-for-three, picking up crucial points in the team standings. 2006 race.

Junior Willie Lloyd showed why he was the defending national champion, taking an impressive decision from Jason Morris of the University of Nevada-Las Vegas in the 112-pound championship bout ...

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Friday: Thunder Showers High: 65 • Low 45



Saturday: Showers High: 59 • Low 41



**Sunday: Showers** High: 55 • Low 37



# Small businesses are vital to Air Force missions

By Maj. Andrew Sackett **366TH CONTRACTING SQUADRON** 

The U.S. government is the world's largest purchaser of goods and services, spending more than \$200 billion dollars annually. Our process for competing and allocating those dollars can be cumbersome. Spending tax dollars isn't the same as expending a private company's capital.

I often get questions from my fellow Airmen concerning our insistence on awarding as many contracts as possible to small and disadvantaged businesses. They ask, "Why the Department of Defense (and the Air Force) give small businesses our business?"

Primarily, government contracts are awarded to small businesses because it's mandated by Congress to do so. These small businesses comprise much of the tax base that funds government procurement in the first place. As a result, it's the policy of the president and Congress to provide

maximum opportunity to small, disadvantaged, Historically Underutilized Business Zone, women-owned, and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses. To further emphasize the government's commitment, Congress set small business goals for federal agencies, and the base has the following 2006 fiscal year goals: 79.1 percent of the total dollars spent go to small business, 32.8 percent of the total dollars spent go to disadvantaged business, 9.5 percent of the total dollars spent go to women-owned, 5.1 percent of the total dollars spent go HUB Zones, and one percent of dollars spent go to servicedisabled veterans.

The reason Congress wants U.S. small businesses to receive a fair share of federal contracts are they are the heart of the American economy. They drive innovation and create jobs. In fact, 97 percent of all U.S. business firms are small. They create two-thirds of the new jobs in our economy and employ half of all privatesector workers. Small business also account for 48 percent of the non-farm Gross National Product.

Small businesses are a huge, integral part of our economy. They serve as market laboratories for conceiving, testing and demonstrating innovative ideas. Further, entrepreneurship through small business ownership has become the path to prosperity for many Americans, including minorities and women.

Along with encouraging award of federal contracts to small businesses, Congress established the Small Business Administration. It promotes small business development through business loans and technical assistance as well as attaining federal contracts. There are many American success stories of larger businesses that started out small, but received assistance and federal contracts and now have grown and prospered. A few you might recognize: America Online, Columbia Sportswear, FedEx, Hewlett-Packard, Intel Corp, Jenny Craig, Outback Steakhouse,

Panda Restaurant, Staples, Sun Microsystems, Gymboree and Winnebago.

Smart contracting means partnering with you to procure affordable, effective and sustainable war-fighting capabilities and installation support while striking a balance to meet our small business participation goals. Whenever possible, contracting reserves contracts for small-business concerns. However, if we don't expect to receive offers from at least two competitive small businesses, we'll acquire the item from a large business.

Our national security and economy requires we continue to maintain a dedicated and robust small business program. The vital role small businesses play in maintaining a strong defense industrial base cannot be overstated. In this capacity, they are a vanguard in the Global War on Terrorism. Toward this end, the Air Force will continue to benefit from the capabilities of a vital strategic partner -U.S. small businesses.

#### Commander's HOTLINE



Col. Charles Shugg

This hotline is your direct line

It's your opportunity to make Mountain Home Air Force Base a better place to live and work. I review every response to hotline questions, but functional experts prepare most responses.

If possible, you should first contact the organization responsible for the problem or function. Your first sergeants, commanders and agency chiefs want to help, so please let them try.

If you do not know how to proceed or if you have already tried your chain of command. then do not hesitate to contact the Hotline at 828- 6262 or e-mail CommandersHotline @mountainhome.af.mil.

Not all hotlines are published, but if you leave your name and phone number or e-mail address, I will make sure you get a reply.

> Col. Charles Shugg 366TH FIGHTER WING COMMANDER

#### 2005 Awards

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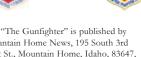
Days without a DUI:

AADD made 166 saves in March, and 488 so far this year

(Courtesy of AADD)

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# To create chaos, just add water ... and fish

By Master Sgt. Brian Orban GUNFIGHTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

It was supposed to be a simple night out with the family. We go to the school carnival, I help run the PTA booths, my girls play some games (and beg me for money to play some more), and then we go home. Simple.

Yeah, right.

Life was good as I strolled down the hall to meet up with the family. My oldest daughter, Nichole, spotted me first and came barreling down the hall with the speed of an NFL linebacker. Clenched in her right hand was a clear plastic bag filled with water ... and a goldfish.

Oh, great.

I figured I could talk her out of taking it home. After all, we already had cats, and the girls were quite content with them. But, being a clever child, she had already plotted how to force me to say yes.

for me. Isn't he neat?" Nichole said as she beamed proudly from ear-to-ear.

I sighed to myself and rolled my eyes saying, "Oh Lord, why me?"

Then my wife and the other two munchkins greeted me. My youngest daughter, Kristen, was also holding a plastic bag with another fish. She smiled and flashed her big Bambi eyes at me. There's no defense against the Bambi eyes, darn it.

"Daaaad," my 7 year old spouted off. "His name is Lucky. I'm going to take him home. I'm going to give him lots 'a water, an' lots 'a food, an' I'm going to give him lots 'a

Great. She'd already named it. She'd baited me hook, line

... I can't believe I almost said that.

I looked in the bag, and the goldfish stared at me with his unblinking eyes. I swear I heard him say, "Help Me. Help Me," in his tinny voice. In fish language, that probably translates to, "Hey, bub. Just don't get me killed, Ok?"

Not wanting to create a scene in a packed school gymnasium, I quickly caved in, and our family quickly grew by two. At home, the girls chatted at great length about their fish. Their excitement and joy levels were pegged.

Meanwhile, my wife and I "Hi, Dad. My friend won him were taking a crash course in "Tropical Fish 101," A.K.A., "How to Avoid Killing Fish."

> Food and a bowl seemed like logical places to start. Our neighbor – who'd already been goaded into the fish thing some time ago – was kind enough to loan us a few fish flakes to keep the girls' new best friends alive through the night. But the simple, plastic bowl Nichole scrounged up just wasn't cutting it for my wife, who was now

just as excited as the girls over their catch. A late-evening trip to the local department store netted us a respectable bowl, gravel, food ... and three more

Wait a minute! This wasn't part of the bargain. But I'd already lost the battle. I shrugged my shoulders and hoped for the best.

Kristen's fish was our first casualty, proving that it's not a good idea to tempt fate by naming a pet "Lucky." Kristen took the bad news hard as she held back her tears and totted her fallen friend around the house in the plastic bag he originally came in.

By now, I was determined to give it a go. If we were going to have fish, by God, they were going to live AND like it. So I plunked down some more dollars for a respectable aquarium, some simple plants and a miniature Japanese-style home, which they decided to swim into and not come back out. I imagine they were in there watching the newest reality television show on a tiny TV set.

As we waited for the aquarium to be properly prepared to accept its new brethren (pet experts recommend allowing between 24 hours to seven days before putting fish in a tank) the bad news kept coming. After Lucky, we lost Nate followed by Oscar and Fatso. We continued to go back to the

pet store for replacements and reinforcements for good measure. Within three days, we went from two fish to 10 - the limit for a 10-gallon tank.

One comforting thing about losing a couple of fish is the shock and sadness quickly fades. Kristen went from "Daaaad, my fishy died," one day to "Dad, Mom's fish died; you know, the fat one."

So much for tact.

Although I was firmly against fish that Friday evening, I'm a changed man. It's not because I suddenly love fish. It's because this experience helped my family grow closer together.

With the exception of Saturday morning cartoons, which my girls call "required viewing," the television stays off. Instead of gathering around the glow of the 19-inch set, we gather around the soft radiance of the aquarium lights and watch our fish dart to and fro. I'd like to think we've grown even closer together as we talk about everything from cartoon heroes to why fish poop. It's definitely a nice change from hearing our girls argue at each other.

Ah, life is good once again. We established a new routine, and there is once again peace in the family. I don't think anything could upset our peace and tranquility.

Unless, that is, my girls figure out how to win a pony at next year's carnival.

#### Life's lessons: A fish owner's perspective

New and experienced parents can learn a lot from tropical fish. Don't believe me? Consider the following:

 Fish, like children, need extra care. If you neglect them, you probably won't • Like pets, all children need love -

from the youngest to the oldest. Regardless if you're bringing home a new kitten, puppy, guppy or baby, take time to ensure the older ones understand that, in your eyes, they're still number one • Children, just like pets, also need lots

of attention. Plopping in front of the "family altar" (read: television) doesn't count. Board games are much more rewarding, and unpredictable, than computer games. Also, Monopoly and chess don't have parental warning labels on the boxes ... I think.

• Everything dies, from the fish in the bowl to the sweet potato in your child's kindergarten class. Be understanding and let them know it's not their fault and things will get better in time. One hint: It's probably not a good idea to shout, "Preparing the torpedo tubes, captain!" before sending your child's fish

• Keep your priorities straight. It's nice to primp the aquarium furnishings and polish the outside glass once in a while, but if it pulls you away from spending time with your children, put down the rag and

• Children and pets may sense you had a bad day, but is it really their fault? Consider that before berating them, even if they did back up the toilet and flood the bathroom by trying to flush their stuffed fishy down the toilet just like you did with their dead fish.

• Life is like eating an elephant. You can only accomplish things one bite at a time. Before taking on new challenges, regardless if you're bringing home a new pet or planning to have a child, make sure you know what you're getting in to before talking the plunge. Once you're committed, you're com-

# We are fighting the same fight – by land or by sea

By Staff Sgt. Melissa Koskovich

**GUNFIGHTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS** (Editor's note: Sergeant Koskovich is currently deployed to U.S. Central Command Air Forces-Forward Public Affairs)

My stomach turned under the negative Gs as we fell from the sky. The jolt of the aircraft hitting the carrier deck ended the sensation, and seconds later, the cargo hatch opened. Sun rays cut through the darkness in the "tin can"like cabin, and silhouettes in brightly colored shirts emerged from the steam rising from the ramp. One thing was certain: this was no Air Force base.

As one of 10 Airmen arriving aboard the Nimitz-class nuclear-powered aircraft carrier the USS Reagan for an orientation tour, I stood in awe watching the activity around me.

Every inch of the ship's surface crawled with urgent life. Equipment,

aircraft and Sailors moved in choreographed action, framed by the radiant blue waters of the Arabian Gulf.

Suddenly surrounded by the blue, red, yellow, green and purple shirts on the Sailors from different functions, I felt silly wearing my desert uniform.

Put at ease by friendly faces and welcomed by the ship's master chief, we were led through a layered maze of tunnels and stairs. I imagined just how lost I could get in the ship's hull as we arrived at a ready room now designated our group's rendezvous point. From there, we divided into smaller groups and began a two-day journey aboard the Reagan.

Throughout our stay, we explored every inch of the ship, experiencing everything from onboard dining to flying operations. Feeling the vibrations of F/ A-18 Hornet aircraft engines in my chest, hearing their thunder echo across the empty ocean and watching their wingtips trace lines in the sky is an experience I will never forget.

Along with these thrills, I witnessed the professional execution of everything from aircraft maintenance to sorting the trash.

Sailors, deployed with the ship in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom were focused and fine tuned, even without some of life's luxuries.

Working with limited resources in cramped spaces, complicated tasks like bomb-loading and engine repair were carried out with precision, even with the constant presence of loud noises and potential safety hazards.

The scenes aboard the ship were like nothing I had ever seen, yet in their organized complexity, I was reminded of Air Force operations. The tools, uniforms and routines were different, but the

pride, determination and sense of mission were the same.

As our visit came to a close, we said our goodbyes and loaded back into the rickety-looking, yet reliable, C-2A carrier onboard delivery aircraft, affectionately nicknamed the "COD."

After the engines started, I closed my eyes in anticipation. Within seconds, the catapult hurled us across the deck, sending us soaring into the sky. Knowing this once-in-a-lifetime experience might not come again, my heart sank as our altitude climbed.

During the flight, I thought back on my experiences on the Reagan and saw in my mind the faces of the Sailors. In those faces I saw the reflections of Airmen. We all love our country, and we are all fighting the same fight, whether we stage it from the land or sea. At that moment, I understood the true meaning "joint team."

GRAPHIC BY SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN STIVES

#### Drink and drive, and you'll get a crash course in criminal law.

Make the right choice. If you drink, don't drive Call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 599-3922 or 599-3923 for a free ride home in Mtn. Home or 371-6531 for a free ride in

Boise. AADD volunteers are available from 5 p.m. Friday to 4 a.m. Monday.

# Spring Clean Up Day draws near

By Angelia Binder

366TH CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON

Spring is a wonderful time of year. Long days and warm temperatures help give everyone more energy, and spring cleaning slowly starts creeping on everyone's list. It's time to make room in the garage and clean the yard in anticipation of all of the planned summer projects.

Because of this, the 366th Civil Engineer Squadron is asking that everyone's old appliances, yard clippings and other unwanted items placed curbside as part of Spring Clean Up Day.

Spring Clean Up Day is April 21 for facilities on base and April 22 for housing residents. Items must be placed curbside before noon on the day of pick up. Dave Kinney and the team from the 366th CES heavy equipment shop will make one sweep through the housing area in the morning and

another after lunch.

"If you miss these times, that's it, so please make sure to have everything out on the curb by noon," said Mr. Kinney.

Paper bags or untied plastic bags should be used for yard wastes. Paper bags are available at the self help store.

"Leave the bags of yard waste on the curb before noon, and we'll pick them up also," said Mr. Kinney.

This is also the time to get rid of old furniture and appliances.

"We will take these items to the landfill for you, or in the case of appliances, salvage them for scrap metal," said Mr. Kinney. "The heavy equipment shop will do the hard part of hauling it away if you can mange to get it to the curb."

By getting recyclables and other items ready for pick up, everyone can get some help to "spring" into those projects they have been dreaming about all winter.

# Remember to recycle, reuse

By Angelia Binder

366TH CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON

After digging through the house, I'm sure everyone will discover a lot of stuff that they can get rid of now.

The 366th Civil Engineer Squadron heavy equipment shop is doing their part by taking away large, unwieldy items. But there's probably much more that has to go.

Everyone already knows that the base recycling center is the place for all paper, cans, magazines, glass, scrap metals including aluminum, copper, steel and iron, and scrap wood.

Please remember to do your part and take these items to the center or place them in recycling bins for regular pick up. Sorting is the key, and what takes just a few minutes to sort at home saves hours of sorting at the

Old paint, stains, thinners, polishes, cleaners,

soaps, aerosol cans, fluorescent tubes and other items can also be taken to the base hazardous waste central collection facility located on Desert Street during normal business hours.

Due to the potentially hazardous nature of these items, and the lack of safety when placed on a curb, they need to be kept in their original containers if possible.

The central collection facility is also the place to go if you need some of these items. Have a project that needs just a little paint? Why buy a big can when they can set you up with just the right amount for free.

batteries, and anti-freeze are some of the items accepted by the auto skills center located on Desert Street.

In addition, used oil, air filters, oil filters, car

Remember, tires and lead batteries contain toxic materials and don't belong in the landfill.

The effort you make to keep recyclables and toxic wastes out of landfills helps make the base a better and safer place to call home.

As the Air Force assesses how

actions impact BRAC, it will con-

tinue to adjust the requirements

needed to meet the approved

BRAC recommendations, Mr.

The Air Force formed a

BRAC program management

office Oct. 1 as a focal point to

direct implementation activities. The Air Force started develop-

ing its implementation schedule

and is working closely with the

Air National Guard and Air

Force Reserve to refine the

The Department of Defense

must initiate all closures and re-

alignments within two years of

the date the president approved

the BRAC recommendations -

Sept. 15, 2005. The DoD must

complete all closures and realign-

ments within six years of the date.

lenges with this BRAC round.

The transformational nature of

some recommendations and the

level of joint activities and op-

erations formed under this

BRAC pose new implementa-

tion issues, he said.

The Air Force faces new chal-

schedule, Mr. Anderson said.

Anderson said.

Air Force implements

BRAC decision

By Master Sgt.

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AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

WASHINGTON - This Base

Realignment and Closure Com-

mission affects the Air Force like

no other, given the war on terror-

ism, the Quadrennial Defense

Review, Air Force transforma-

tion and force structure changes,

Air Force for installations, envi-

ronment and logistics explained

the Air Force BRAC implemen-

tation procedures to the House

Appropriations subcommittee

on military quality of life and

"Given these many external

influences, and as good stew-

ards of taxpayer dollars, we can

no longer look at BRAC imple-

mentation as an isolated activ-

ity," he said. "We must, rather,

orchestrate BRAC implementa-

tion activities in concert with

the new Air Force mission

beddowns, legacy weapon sys-

tem and force drawdowns, and

future emerging missions."

veterans affairs April 6.

The assistant secretary of the

said William C. Anderson.

### IN THE **SPOTLIGHT**

#### Retirements

Master Sgt. Norman Haskins, 366th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, will retire today at 2 p.m. at the Building 1224 PAX Room 1. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Brian Morgan at 828-6045.

Senior Master Sgt. Robert Schmit, 366th Civil Engineer Squadron, will retire April 21 at 10 a.m. at Building 1211. For more information, call Senior Airman Ian Seavey at 828-6252.

Master Sgt. Anthony Beale, 366th EMS, will retire April 21 at 2 p.m. at the Community Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Earl Adams at 828-4976.

#### **FTAC** awards

Congratulations to Airman 1st Class Chadwick R. Kidd, 726th Air Control Squadron, on receiving the First Term Airmen Center's "Sharp Troop" award as the top performer of Class 06-J.

Congratulations to Airman 1st Class Nicolas R. Gagnon, 366th Civil Engineer Squadron, on receiving the "Gunfighter Pride" award for Class 06-J.

#### NEWSLINE

#### Flowers for housing occupants

The housing office will offer flower vouchers for base housing residents. The vouchers are for \$10 worth of flowers or shrubs for your yard from Green's Nursery of Mountain Home. One certificate per household will be issued on a first come-first serve basis beginning Monday. The certificates will be available at the self help store, which is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If all of the certificates are not handed out by May 8, there will be a second offering.

#### Base HazMart pharmacy

The hazardous material pharmacy can assist in the research of less hazardous materials. Do your part to reduce hazardous materials by ordering environmentally safe products and ordering only what is needed to accomplish the mission.

The Hazardous Material Pharmacy currently has over 50 items available for free issue to authorized customers. They currently have greases, oils and paint in limited quantities on a first come first serve basis.

For more information, call 828-2360 or stop by the HazMart pharmacy located in Building 1352.

#### Base firing ranges

The Mountain Home Air Force Base ranges are off limits to all personnel not possessing written official permission. The locations of the ranges are as follows: On-base Building1388, and off-base Building 1902 at the junction of Air Base Road and Grandview Highway. Trespassing is not only illegal but dangerous because of gunfire. Ranges are posted and patrolled by 366th Security Forces Squadron personnel.

For more information, call the 366th SFS Combat Arms Office at 828-4480.

#### **Equipment custodians**

Equipment custodians must turn over their accounts within 45 days of Permanent Change of Station moves. This often involves preliminary actions that must take place prior to the 45 day point. Call the equipment liaison office as soon as notification of PCS assignment is received at 828-6498, 828-6550 or 828-6430.

#### **Death notification**

Any person or persons having claims for or against the estate of Tech. Sgt. Walter M. Moss, 366th Civil Engineer Squadron, should call 2nd Lt. Christiane Makela, 366th CES summary court officer, at 828-1338.

### DEPLOYED GUNFIGHTER IN ACTION



Senior Airman Renee Hvizdak, a Gunfighter currently deployed to the 386th Expeditionary Security Forces SQUADRON, WATCHES THREE VEHICLES ENTERING THE CONTROLLED AREA SURROUNDING A BASE IN SOUTHWEST ASIA. AIR-MAN HVIZDAK WATCHES FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO COME WITHIN A CERTAIN DISTANCE OF THE BASE BEFORE APPROACHING THEM AND ASKING ABOUT THEIR REASON FOR BEING THERE.

management, construction, services, plans and programs, and commodities for architecture and engineering projects, construction projects, and services such as custodial workers, food service attendants and moving household goods, respectively. The construction and services teams deal with the most money, negotiating contracts that cost more than \$100,000.

Contracting managers act as business advisors to wing leadership, informing them of the hundreds of Air Force rules and regulations in securing contracts for major purchases and services.

In fiscal year 2005, the base did \$42 million in business through 129 contracts. This year, there are 24 large-service contracts in place, with a total contract value of more than \$53 million.

The base agencies the 366th CONS advises the most are the 366th Civil Engineer Squadron, the 366th Logistics Readiness Squadron and the 366th Medical Group, said Sergeant Walker. Contracting managers work with CE to renegotiate business deals for construction projects on base and LRS to secure major logistical items such as vehicles, snowplows for the runways and shipping materials.

In fiscal year 2005, the 366th

CONS contracted \$10.5 million in medical requirements for the 366th MDG to include new emergency room physicians, social workers and ultrasound technicians.

When Gunfighters need new products or services, contracting managers can't just hire the first company or buy the first brand of product they come across. Sergeant Walker said most contracts involve small, specialty businesses.

"Any contract that is between \$2,500 to \$100,000 is done with small businesses. They get the first dibs," said Sergeant Walker. "Examples of small businesses are women-owned companies or companies with disadvantaged work-

With millions of dollars at stake and thousands of purchases needed for the base to accomplish its mission, the 366th CONS can't do it alone. That's where the squadron's government purchase card program comes in. The GPC program allows squadron representatives to buy single purchases up to \$2,500.

The base currently has 360 GPC holders who have collectively spent more than \$12.6 million in fiscal year 2005 for items such as office supplies, furniture and computer

As base agencies continue to work with contracting managers for negotiations or GPC purchases, Major Sackett said increased contracting is the wave of the future.

"I don't care what function an Airmen is in; that Airmen will be affected by contracting," he said. "I've been to bases where the entire base support function is contracted out and the CES commander acts as a liaison between the base and contractors.'

As the Air Force transitions into a smaller, consolidated force, contracting managers are busier than ever, outsourcing services that will allow Airmen to continue the fight against terror, said Staff Sgt. Gene Randall, 366th CONS contract

"We write service contracts that keep our military personnel in their primary functions and not performing details or other jobs that take away from key training time and vital deployment availability," said Sergeant Randall.

Major Sackett said there's never been a better time to be a contract manager than now, especially in the AOR.

"We have contractors who are armed and contractors who are under fire," said Major Sackett. "Our Airmen are fighting the war with contracting specialists by their side. We've never had this before ... ever."

Whether those contractors are at home supporting the Gunfighter mission or on the frontlines supporting freedom, one thing remains constant - they get the job done with the stroke of a pen.

#### **SARC** - Continued from Page 1

tric, cable or phone company, but they are still strangers and people should always call the company to verify the employee's identity before allowing access to the home, Sergeant Griggs said

Noting that being approached by solicitors while out and about is especially commonplace in Mountain Home, he also recommended that people ask to see photo I.D. or a solicitor's license before even entertaining the idea of having a conversation.

Recognizing that prevention is sometimes enough, Ser-

geant  $G\,riggs$ finished the class by demonstrating some of his very

own tried and true defense tech-

"The thing people have the hardest time with is getting themselves in the mindset to react ... but you have to tell yourself, 'I am going to live. I am going to go home to my

husband or wife," he said. "Everyone that ever made you mad in your life should come out at that time, and you should be delivering some devastating blows."

The next two classes are scheduled for April 22 at 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. at Parks and Recreation located at 795 S. 5th W. in Mountain Home. Classes are open to anyone ages 16 and older, but class size is limited to the first 20 to sign up.

"Whether it is free or you have to pay, I think everyone, especially females, should take advantage of this class and what it has to offer," said Airman 1st

> Class Lynnessa West, who is assigned to the 366th Communications Squadron and attended the April

class. "Movies may show how women defend themselves, but they do not teach you the proper way to defend your-

For more information or to sign up, call the SARC office at 828-6622.

#### **S**ERVICES

#### Auto skills center

Contract mechanic and paint and body tech — Work is done by appointment only.

Look for "Clip and Save with Services" coupons to receive 10 percent off of air conditioning service and recharging throughout the month of April.

To make an appointment, call 828-2295.

#### **Bowling center**

Family special — Bowl for \$1 a game every Sunday.

For more information, call 828-6329.

#### **Community center**

Hip-Hop all-nighter — Today in the Afterburners Lounge at 9 p.m. Prizes including DVDs and CDs are to be given away. Must be 18 to join the fun and 21 to enjoy the drink specials.

Flashback all-nighter — April 28 in the Afterburners Lounge at 9 p.m. Prizes including DVDs and CDs are to be given away. Must be 18 to join the fun and 21 to enjoy the drink specials.

Power yoga — Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Cost is \$40 for eight sessions. Must bring your own mat, blocks and straps.

Elementary Russian — Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$40 for eight sessions.

Magic class — Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. All ages invited. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Four sessions a month. \$20 per person.

For more information, call 828-2246.

#### Youth programs

**Spring fling youth dance** — Today from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Children ages 9 to 12 are invited to dance the evening away. The cost is \$6 per person (current members get \$1 off.) Wear a spring flower and get \$1 off.

Girls softball registration — Registration starts today. The cost is \$21 per person. Register by April 28 and receive a \$5 discount. This is for girls ages 8 to 13. The league will practice in May and games begin in June.

Start smart baseball — Registration starts Monday. The cost is \$16 per person. This is for children 4 years old and

is a new program, so space is limited to 12 children. The program teaches the basic motor skills necessary to play organized baseball.

For more information, call 828-2501.

#### Outdoor adventure program

Come to the outdoor adventure program building (Building 2800 across from the youth center) to get a calendar to help plan all outdoor adventures.

For more information, call 828-6333.

#### **Outdoor recreation supply**

Video rentals — Video rentals are available for sportsmens needs. Weekend rentals are \$1, day rates are 75 cents and additional days are 50 cents.

Sportsman camp trailer special — Camp trailers can be reserved on the first working day of the month and may be reserved for the following month. Prices are \$60 per weekend, \$45 over night and \$15 each additional day.

For more information, call 828-2237.

#### Library

April book adventure — Legal drama. Come see what exciting historical fiction adventures you can get lost in.

Story time — Wednesdays at 1 p.m. for supervised children ages 3 to 5.

Pony Espresso Café — Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. They serve a variety of coffee drinks, smoothies and

For more information, call 828-2326.

#### Pizza Etc.

April special — One 10-inch onetopping pizza and one 24-ounce soda for \$7.75.

#### Soup of the day —

*Monday* — Chicken gumbo Tuesday — Chicken and dumplings Wednesday — Creamy potato with bacon Thursday — Cream of broccoli Friday — Clam chowder

#### **Gunfighters Club**

Cook your own steak or chicken -Every Thursday in April from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$3.95 for club members.

Gunfighters night buffet — April 26 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dinner is a members-only benefit. The cost is \$3.66 for adults and \$1.80 for children under 12.

#### Silver Sage Golf Course "Link Up 2 Golf" orientation -

Wednesday and April 29 from noon to 5 p.m. This orientation informs players about the program and what classes are offered as well as an outline of the pro-

#### April "Ringer" Tournament —

Silver Sage Golf Course will conduct a monthlong "Ringer" tournament. Participants must play one 18-hole round per week with a fellow competitor. Participants will make their hole-by-hole gross scores each week on the provided score sheet. The players' total score will be a combination of their best scores on each hole throughout the four rounds of the competition.

Monday "Lesson Night" — Free golf lessons every Monday night in April. Classes will cover fundamentals, driving, irons, short game and trouble shots as well as rules and etiquette.

#### Arts and crafts center

Beginners frame and matting class - Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. This class is designed for the beginning frame student. Instructor will teach proper measuring procedures, a basic double mat cut, assembly of the frame and fitting of the mats, glass and frame. Registration deadline is the day prior to class.

#### Trap and skeet

Instructional shoot — April 20 at 4:30 p.m. Come out and learn about the sport of trap and skeet. One box of shells will cost \$4.50.

Night shoot — April 20 at 6 p.m. First time shooters get their first 25 targets free. One box of shells will cost \$4.50.

#### CHAPEL

#### Catholic

Sunday mass — 8 a.m.

**CCD Sunday** — 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. for 3 year olds to adults; located in the Religious Education Building.

Daily mass — Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

#### **Protestant**

**Sunday school** — 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. for 6 month olds to adults; located in the Religious Education Building.

Traditional service — Sunday at 11 a.m. Also provided at this time are a children's church for 4 year olds to second grade and Wee Joy for 6 months to 5 years.

Jubilee Full Gospel Baptist Service — Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

**Protestant extras** — Protestant Women of the Chapel meets Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Religious

All Sunday Services will be held at the Community Center due to the Chapel renovation.

#### **WELLNESS**

#### **Siblings**

Education Building.

Children learn to understand and deal with the unique relationship of being a sibling and what to expect when the baby arrives, for children ages 2 and up. The class is Wednesday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at family advocacy. To register, call 828-7143 or 828-7566.

#### Dad's class

A class for dads by dads. Learn to deal with the joys and fears of becoming a new father. Class is April 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the family support center. To register, call 828-7566.

#### Resumé workshop

Learn how to inventory experiences, write accomplishment statements, select a format, edit and evaluate work. Class is April 25 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the family support center. To register, call 828-2458.

#### Job fair

Discover job opportunities by meeting and networking with local, regional and national employers. The job fair is April 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. No registration required.

#### Childbirth class

Questions about labor and delivery? Attend a childbirth class. For more in-

### VIPER VISITS



Mountain Home Police Department Patrol Sergeant Russell Griggs and Viper DEMONSTRATE THE PROPER WAY TO PUT ON HANDCUFFS. SERGEANT GRIGGS WAS ON BASE April 6 to teach free Risk Reduction Self Defense Classes to the Gunfighters. If you would like Viper to visit your shop, call the public affairs office at 828-6800 or send an e-mail to pa.news@mountainhome.af.mil

formation, call the 366th Medical Group family care unit at 828-7170.

#### Anger management

Unmanaged anger can destroy relationships, families and individual health. Learn to understand and control responses to anger. Participants must attend four consecutive weeks to receive a certificate. The classes are held Wednesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. at family advocacy. To register, call 828-7520.

#### English as a second language

Learn English through the four language skills of reading, speaking, listening and writing in a friendly, informal setting. Classes are held Tuesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the family support center. To register, call 828-2458.

#### **EDUCATION NEWS**

#### **Education needs assessment**

The education center is running an education needs assessment survey throughout April. To complete the survey, go to https://afvec.langley.af.mil/ needs/. This assessment is open to all personnel and is strictly voluntary.

#### Financial aid

Scholarships, grants and loans are available through countless Web sites, such as www. fastweb.com, www, scholorshipcoach.com, www.ed.gov-Federal Financial Aid and collegescholarships.com-undergrad/grad.

#### **Upcoming educational events**

Commissioning briefing – Thursday **CCAF** graduation – May 5 Troop to Teachers seminar – May 31 Education fair - June 1 On base universities combined **graduation** – June 9

#### Housing News

#### Flowers for housing occupants

With spring rapidly approaching, the housing office is offering flower vouchers for base housing residents. The vouchers are for \$10 worth of flowers or shrubs for the yard.

The certificates will be available at the self help store, which is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on a first come-first serve basis beginning April 17. If all certificates are not handed out by May 8, there will be a second offering.

#### Pet complaints

Complaints involving pets barking and running loose, and owners who do not remove pet waste from yards and common areas are on the rise.

In order to maintain a quiet, clean and safe environment for base housing residents, the housing office needs the help of not only the pet owners, but also the individuals who witness violations.

Pet owners must follow these rules:

- Pets must be confined at their residence by being chained, fenced, penned or exercised under the immediate owner's control (leash). Owners may exercise their pets off the leash in open areas (parks, desert, etc.) if under the positive voice control of a responsible individual. Owners are also responsible for removing pet waste from parks and
- fed and watered. Clean up of pet feces is a daily task.

• Pets are to be adequately housed,

common areas.

- Pets must be registered with the veterinarian office.
- Family households on base are limited to two pets. Approval for more than two pets must be obtained in writing through the housing office from the 366th Mission Support Group commander. Wild or exotic animals such as snakes and ferrets are not allowed in base housing.
- Stray animals should be reported to the 366th Security Forces Squadron at 828-2256. The charge for retrieving a pet from the 366th SFS is \$25 for the first day and \$25 for each additional day, not to exceed \$100.

During normal duty hours, call the housing office at 828-2781 for pet nuisance complaints. They will take appropriate action to remedy or eliminate the problem.

After duty hours, call the 366th SFS at 828-2256 to report all animal related incidents and complaints.

### **O**UTSIDE THE **G**ATES

### Rupert centennial birthday bash

This two-day event held April 21 and

22, celebrates the 100 year birthday of the city of Rupert, Idaho. Rupert became a charted city April 12, 1906. There will be many activities during the event to include a chuck wagon cook-off, many local entertainers, antique tractors, cow milking, a children's parade, arrowhead making and more. Location: City Center Park, seven miles north of exit 211 off of I-84 on Highway 24.

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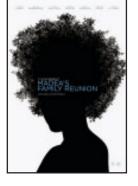
violent content) — 7 p.m. — starring Julianne Moore and Samuel L. Jackson. Brenda Mar-

Dempsey, N.J., emergency room, claiming that an African-American man stole her car with her 4year-old son in the backseat.

Veteran detec-

tive Lorenzo Council is assigned to investigate the case, and despite reservations about Brenda's story, launches an all-out search for the abducted boy. Jesse Haus, an ambitious young reporter for the local newspaper, also suspects that Brenda is hiding something, and she befriends the grief-stricken mother in an attempt to break the biggest story of her career.But as the search for the alleged carjacker intensifies, smoldering racial tensions between the predominantly African-American city of Dempsey and its mostly white neighbor, Gannon, threaten to explode. 1 hour, 53 minutes.

Saturday and Sunday — Madea's Family Reunion — PG-13 (thematic material, domestic violence, sex/drug references) — 7 p.m. starring Tyler



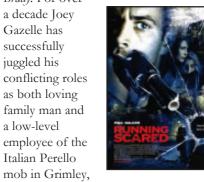
Perry and Blair Underwood. An unstoppable force of nature, southern matriarch Madea may have finally taken on more than she can chew. She has just been court ordered to be in charge of Nikki, a rebellious runaway,

her nieces Lisa and Vanessa are suffering relationship trouble, and through it all she has to organize her family reunion. As the reunion approaches, secrets are revealed and tensions rise. Madea must use every tactic in her arsenal to not only keep the peace, but keep her family together. 1 hour, 39 minutes.

**Monday** — Running Scared — R (violence, language, sexuality, drug content) — 7 p.m. — starring Paul Walker and Wayne

*Brady.* For over a decade Joey Gazelle has successfully juggled his conflicting roles as both loving family man and a low-level employee of the Italian Perello

N.J. However,



when Joey ignores the mob's explicit instructions to dispose of a gun used in the fatal shooting of a corrupt cop during a bungled drug buy, he unwittingly puts his entire family in immediate danger. Joey stows this incriminating piece of evidence in his basement for possible future use as collateral against his employers, only to have his son's best friend, Oleg, discover and abscond with the weapon. Unaware that the disappearance of this weapon could jeopardize both Joey and himself, Oleg uses it to wound his abusive stepfather Anzor, the drugaddicted black sheep of the Russian Yugorsky mob, and then flees into the night. As he vainly seeks safe haven, Oleg encounters and dodges a slew of nocturnal miscreants, all the while being pursued by relentless Perello and Yugorsky henchmen as well as by Detective Rydell, a corrupt cop who is bent on profiting from the missing gun's potentially disastrous effects on the already uneasy alli-

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – Theater closed.

ance between the rival Perello and

Yugorsky clans. 2 hours, 4 minutes.

THE GUNFIGHTER

# Three Falcons crowned national champs

### National title just out of reach of boxers hands

AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

RENO, Nev. - Three members of the Air Force Academy boxing team were crowned national champions Saturday as the Falcons wrapped up competition at the 2006 National Collegiate Boxing Association Championships.

Air Force entered the final night of competition in fourth place, following a disappointing semifinal round. Although they had just three finalists competing in the main ring, the Falcons went three-for-three, picking up crucial points in the team standings.

Junior Willie Lloyd showed why he was the defending national champion, taking an impressive decision from Jason Morris of the University of Nevada-Las Vegas in the 112-pound championship bout. Lloyd, who defeated Morris in the regional finals two weeks ago, played it close in the first two rounds. At the start of the third round, Lloyd turned up the pressure and dominated the contest, using two standing eight-counts to secure the judges' votes.

claimed his first national title at 119

pounds by decisioning Army's Scott Yeung. The championship bout was a rematch from the Falcons' trip to West Point last year, where Ignaco took a decision from Yeung when both were contending in the 125pound weight class.

After facing a dominating foe in the semifinal round, Ignaco was met with a tentative, counterpunching Yeung. Slowly picking apart his opponent and landing the big shots, Ignaco earned the needed points for the decisive victory.

The Falcons were forced to wait until the night's final bout, the heavyweight contest, to learn their fate. That bout would determine their team's finish.

Junior Ian Tuznik took the pres-Classmate Ezekiel Ignaco sure in stride and rallied for his first national title in a dominating ref-

eree-stopped contest (third round) over Navy's Dave Paddock. Using several hard-hitting jabs, the focused Tuznik took the fight to Paddock and never allowed his opponent to find his rhythm.

For the second straight year, the slimmest of margins separated the Falcons from the national team title. Air Force combined for 32 points, just one point shy of first-time champion UNLV (33 points).

The Falcons tied with service academy rival Army in points, but Air Force earned the tie-breaker with three individual champions compared to Army's two. Navy, the 2005 champion, finished fourth, while host Nevada and Lock Haven rounded out the top six.

In addition to its three national champions, Air Force claimed five other NCBA All-Americans. Jeremy Homan (125-lbs.), Luis Pena (139), Clifford Moore (156), Joe Conrad (165) and John Quinn (195) all claimed third-place honors following their finishes in the semifinal round of competition.

"I am very proud of this young group," head coach Eddie Weichers said. "Yes, it's disappointing that we weren't able to bring the championship back to the Academy, but I can't say enough about these guys."

He said that this experience will pay dividends in the future, as Air Force only loses three of its boxers to graduation.

"They have shown a ton of promise," Weichers said. "This is a great, great group of guys to build on for the future."

### **S**PORTS **S**HORTS

#### **Base champions**

Congratulations to the 366th Maintenance Operation Squadron on winning the Mountain Home Air Force Base intramural basketball championships. MOS went undefeated throughout the regular season and ended with an 11 - 0 record, they were the only team on base to go undefeated. MOS continued their dominance throughout the playoffs going 4 - 0, including the championship game against the 366th Equipment Maintenance Squadron.

#### Thursday game day

Every Thursday at Silver Sage Golf Course, come and join in on an informational competition. Formats vary from weekto-week, and fees go into a prize fund. Competitors are required to make their own pairings and tee times. IGA Handicap is required. Winners are posted on Fridays in the Clubhouse.

#### Monday 'Lesson Night'

Free golf lessons are offered every Monday night throughout April at Silver Sage Golf Course. Classes cover the fundamentals, driving, irons, short game and trouble shots as well as rules and etiquette.

#### Girls softball registration

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#### **Intramural fishing**

The fitness center is wondering if anyone on base is interested in starting intramural fishing. If anyone is interested, contact the squadron sports representative by Thursday so they can let the fitness center know.

AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

Falcons sweep conference weekly awards

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Sophomore Travis Picou and senior Dana Pounds were named the Mountain West Conference Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Athletes of the Week, league officials announced Tuesday. It is the first career award for Picou, while Pounds collected two such honors last season.

Picou set Academy records in the 100- and 200-meter dash on the way to two individual wins at the Colorado Invitational in Boulder, Colo., last week. His regional qualifying time of 10.46 in the 100meter dash broke the Air Force record of 10.52, which stood for nearly 18 years.

Picou's time of 20.73 in the 200meter dash is the third fastest mark on the all-time MWC list, as well as the top time in the conference this season, and fifth fastest in the nation. His time shattered the previous Falcon school record 20.96, set in 2000. Picou also ran a leg of the winning 4x400 meter relay team, which crossed the finish line in

Pounds brought home the event title in the javelin throw at the Colorado Invitational. Her season-best throw of 186'10" topped the runner-up by 55 feet and is currently the top throw in the nation. Pounds' mark in the javelin also is tops in the MWC by 40 feet and is just off of her Academy and conference record of 188'8", set last season.



CADET 3RD CLASS TRAVIS PICOU IS THE MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETE OF THE WEEK. HE SET TWO AIR FORCE Academy records en route to event victories in the 100- and 200-meter DASHES AT THE COLORADO INVITATIONAL. HIS TIME IN THE 100-METER DASH BROKE AN 18-YEAR-OLD ACADEMY RECORD.

Outdoor Track and Field Athlete of the Week. She won the third WEEKLY CONFERENCE HONOR OF HER CAREER AFTER THROWING A JAVELIN 186' 10" At the Colorado Invitational. The throw is the best in Nation so far this

CADET 1ST CLASS DANA POUNDS IS THE MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE WOMEN'S